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MONTGOMERY, Monday, Feb. 14. 1848.

THIS day, being the day fixed for the meeting of a Convention of Delegates appointed by the Democratic Party of the State of Alabama, the Delegates assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Gen. LEROY P. WALKER was called to the Chair, and WILLIAM GARRETT requested to act as Secretary *pro tem.* in organising the Convention.

The counties being called, delegates enrolled their names—to wit:

Autauga County—William S. Morgan, J. T. Simmons, C. M. Jackson, Jno. Steele, John Wood, James A. Lawler, J. Mathis, A. R. Hutchinson, S. P. Storrs, J. Merritt, B. Hall.

Barbour County—Wm. Cowart, J. L. Willie.

Benton County—W. B. Martin, W. R. Hanna, G. L. Driver, R. H. Wilson.

Bibb County—J. W. Davis.

Blount County—M. T. P. Brindley.

Buller County—James H. Campbell, Albert Deming, H. L. Henderson.

Chambers County—S. Jeter, W. Costley, T. Towles, L. Robinson, P. H. Brittain, S. M. Strong, W. B. S. Gilmer.

Cherokee County—Wm. H. Garrett, F. M. Hardwick, Wm. W. Little.

Clarke County—G. W. Creagh, T. B. Rivers.

Conecuh County—J. A. Stallworth.

Coosa County—F. F. Foscue, R. M. Cherry, S. T. Hughes, N. S. Graham, H. Rose, W. W. Morris, B. Loyd, E. L. Buyck, W. J. Martin, E. Pond, R. Hill, Geo. Taylor.

Dale County—T. L. Smith.

Dallas County—G. R. Evans, G. W. Gayle, B. F. Saffold, W. H. Gee, E. B. King, W. A. Beene.

DeKalb County—R. Murphy, N. M. Warren.

Franklin County—F. G. Norman, J. T. Richeson, B. R. Garland.

Greene County—John Ervin, Harvey Tindall, S. Maxwell, G. A. Wyser, S. Cowin, R. D. Huckabee.

Henry County—A. McAllister, J. Pyner.

Jackson County—J. P. Frazier, R. T. Scott, F. A. Hancock, J. Williams.

Jefferson County—M. Kelly, L. G. McMillion.

Lauderdale County—L. P. Walker, J. C. F. Wilson, J. S. Kennedy, J. E. Moore.

Limestone County—N. Terry, N. Davis, J. H. J. Wynn, Fred. Tate.

Lowndes County—J. L. F. Cottrell, A. Tyson, A. J. Lamar, J. W. B. Carson, J. W. Graham, J. P. Cook, T. Harrison, J. M. Hardy, J. M. Boling, G. Wyche Rives, A. B. Forney.

Madison County—J. W. McClung, W. Fleming, T. H. Hewlett, M. A. King.

Marshall County—Lewis Wyeth, James Critcher, D. W. Staples.

Mobile County—T. Sanford, J. Seawell, C. Cullum, C. Bancroft, W. P. Browne, Henry Chamberlain, D. Solomon, O. J. Jewett, R. B. Owen, R. W. Sanders.

Montgomery County—N. E. Benson, W. L. Yancey, J. Caffey, P. O. Wray, J. A. Elmore, M. Stanley, A. C. Felder, H. C. Semple, J. W. W. Cook, John McCormick, T. Welsh, T. O. Glasscock, I. Shackelford, S. Q. Hale, R. M. Powell, L. Pitkin, H. P. Hale, C. S. Lucas, J. J. Gilmer.

Morgan County—W. W. Roby.

Perry County—R. B. Walthall, E. P. King, N. Lockett, J. F. Bailey.

Pickens County—J. M. Beckett, J. E. Pearson, Alex. B. Clitherrall.

Pike County—S. S. Hamilton, W. H. Manning, R. F. Cook, W. T. J. Hubbard, E. Townsend.

Russell County—S. Heydenfeldt, H. Hurt, H. Moffett, William Davis.

Shelby County—J. M. Nabors, T. H. Brasher.

St Clair County—R. Hammonds, J. Chenault.

Sumter County—J. A. Winston, G. Amason, A. W. Dillard, J. Duren.

Talladega County—H L Brown, A R Barclay, T G Garrett, G W Chilton.

Tallapoosa County—J L Simmons, J M Debord, A G Peddy, J T Leftwich, J L Burney, J Faulkner, T Hatcher, C Stone, J J Holly, S Gray, I Smith.

Tuscaloosa County—W G Parish, H King, Joel Riggs, T F Samuel, R H Clements, S D J Moore, W H Martin.

Walker County—J Menasco.

Washington County—J D Powers.

Wilcox County—T B Bethea, F Tait, J Jenkins, T K Beck, J W Bridges.

Mr John A Winston moved the adoption of the following resolution.—

Resolved, That the Democratic members of the Legislature from such counties as have sent no Delegates, be requested to represent their counties in the Convention.

Mr Nathaniel Davis moved the following as a substitute for the resolution of Mr Winston—

That when counties have no delegates in attendance, Democratic members from those counties be invited to take seats as members; and where such counties have no Democratic members, that Democrats present from such counties be invited to take seats as members.

It was moved and seconded to lay the proposed substitute on the table, which was carried—and the resolution moved by Mr Winston was adopted.

Whereupon the following gentlemen came forward and took seats in the convention:

Lawrence County—J G Evetts.

Fayette County—D Coggin, A Davis, I R Kirkland.

Marion County—T Walker.

Randolph County—Wm Wood.

Mr Gayle moved the following resolution—

Resolved, That whig counties not represented in this convention, may be represented by any democrat, or democrats in the city of Montgomery.

Mr Yancey moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was carried.

Mr McClung moved the adoption of the following resolution—

Resolved, That a committee of nine persons (two for the State at large, and one from each Congressional district) be appointed, by the chair for the purpose of nominating a President, seven Vice Presidents and three Secretaries, for the organization of this meeting.

Mr Bridges moved that the resolution lie on the table, which was lost—and the resolution adopted; whereupon

Messrs. Wm Fleming, R B Walthall, H Tindall, J S Kennedy, O S

Jewett, W H Manning, G N Evans, H L Brown, and L Wyeth, were appointed the committee.

Mr Nathaniel Davis moved the adoption of the following resolution—

Resolved, That the basis of representation in this convention be one vote for each two hundred democratic votes, to be ascertained by the democratic vote cast at the last Presidential election in each county in this State.

Mr Hydenfelt moved to amend the resolution by striking out "two hundred democratic votes" and insert in lieu thereof the words, "for each representative and senator."

Mr Clitherall moved that the amendment submitted by Mr Hydenfelt lie upon the table, which was carried—and the resolution adopted.

Whereupon the convention proceeded to ascertain the votes, as required by the resolution, as follows:

COUNTIES :	DEM. VOTES :	NO. VOTES :
Autauga,	633	3
Baldwin,	120	1
Barbour,	860	4
Benton,	1,382	6
Bibb,	696	3
Blount,	774	3
Butler,	405	2
Chambers,	936	4
Cherokee,	955	4
Clarke,	631	3
Coffee,	315	1
Conceh,	277	1
Coosa,	796	3
Covington,	139	1
Dale,	616	3
Dallas,	722	3
DeKalb,	700	3
Fayette,	796	3
Franklin,	1,079	5
Greene,	819	4
Henry,	546	2
Jackson,	1,751	8
Jefferson,	585	2
Lauderdale,	919	4
Lawrence,	783	3
Limestone,	965	4
Lowndes,	678	3

COUNTIES.	DEM. VOTES.	NO. VOTES.
Macon,	626	3
Madison,	1,720	8
Marengo,	634	3
Marion,	638	3
Marshall,	875	4
Mobile,	1,348	6
Morgan,	682	3
Monroe,	359	1
Montgomery,	836	4
Perry,	845	4
Pickens,	967	4
Pike,	768	3
Randolph,	747	3
Russell,	624	3
Shelby,	372	2
St. Clair,	644	3
Sumter,	1,061	5
Talladega,	851	4
Tallapoosa,	705	3
Tuscaloosa,	964	4
Walker,	442	2
Washington,	279	1
Wilcox,	629	3

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Mr Fleming submitted the following report—

The committee appointed to nominate a President and seven Vice Presidents, and three Secretaries, for the organization of this Democratic Convention have discharged that duty, and respectfully present the names of the following gentlemen—

For President—Hon. JOHN ERWIN, of Greene.

For Vice Presidents—Hon. G W Creagh, of Clarke; Hon. N E Benson, of Montgomery; Gen. Joseph P Frazier, of Jackson; Hon. J C F Wilson, of Lauderdale; Hon. J L F Cottrell, of Lowndes; Hon. J A Winston, of Sumter; Thomas G Garrett, Esq. of Talladega.

For Secretaries—Col. William Garrett, of Montgomery; Col. A B Clitherall, of Pickens; Col. W W Roby, of Morgan.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FLEMING, Chairman.

The report was concurred in, and the gentlemen nominated severally entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Mr L P Walker, nominated the Hon. Nathaniel Terry, of Limestone, as one of the persons to be voted for as Elector for the State at large, which was unanimously confirmed.

Mr D Solomon moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates from each Congressional district report to the Convention the names of three individuals as delegates to National Convention, and also the name of one individual as an Elector.

Mr John A Elmore moved to amend by way of substitute, as follows—

Resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed by the President of this convention, two for the State at large, and one from each Congressional district, to nominate for the sanction of this convention seven electors, one from each Congressional district.

Mr N Davis moved that the proposed substitute do lie upon the table, which was carried—and the resolution adopted.

The names of Messrs. R B Walthall, of Perry, William L Yancey, of Montgomery, Thomas B Bethea, of Wilcox, and Howell Rose, of Coosa, were severally submitted to the convention for Electors for the State at large.

The names of Messrs. Daniel Coleman, of Limestone, and John A Winston, of Sumter, were placed in nomination for the appointment of delegates for the State at large, to the Baltimore National Democratic Convention.

Mr Wyeth moved that the nominations lie on the table for the present, which was carried.

Mr M'Cormick moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the chairman to prepare resolutions to be submitted to this convention for its action, which was adopted.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed as the committee—

Messrs. John M'Cormick, Thaddeus Sanford, J M Beckett, Lewis Wyeth, S Hydenfelt, G R Evans, J L F Cottrell.

Mr Clitherall moved the adoption of the following resolution—

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives, so far as applicable to the purposes of the Convention, be adopted for the government thereof, which was adopted.

On motion, the convention adjourned till to-morrow evening 7 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Feb. 15th 1848.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Mr. Clitherall submitted the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That Mr. James H. Owen, be appointed door-keeper of this Convention.

Mr. Davis, of Limestone, moved to take from the table the name of Daniel Coleman and John A. Winston, as delegates for

the State at large to the Baltimore Convention, which was agreed to, whereupon Mr. Davis withdrew the name of Mr. Coleman.

Gen. Walker, of Lauderdale, moved to supply the vacancy in the nomination created by the withdrawal of Mr. Coleman, with the name of W. L. Yancey. The motion was agreed to, and Mr. Winton, of Sumter, and Mr. Yancey of Montgomery were unanimously elected delegates for the State at large. The following reports for the committees, consisting of the delegates for the several Congressional Districts, were read and concurred in.

The delegates from the 1st Congressional District, respectfully report to the Convention, that in the execution of the duty conferred upon them by the resolution, adopted last evening, they have appointed on behalf of their district.

T. B. Bethea, Esq. of Wilcox, as Elector.

T. Sanford, J. A. Stallworth and D. Solomon, as Delegates to the National Convention at Baltimore.

The delegates from the 1st Congressional District, also unanimously recommend for the approval of this meeting the name of R. B. Walthall of Perry, as elector for the State at large.

G. W. CREAGH, Chairman.

The delegation of the 2nd Congressional District, have instructed me to submit to the Convention, the name of John Cochran, Esq. a suitable candidate for Elector for President and Vice President of the United States.

P. A. Wray Esq. of Montgomery, Alex. C. Gordon of Henry, and S. Hydenfeldt, of Russell as Delegates to the Baltimore Convention.

N. E. BENSON, Chairman.

The delegates from the 3rd Congressional District, assembled as a Committee have instructed me to report.

That they have selected by *acclamation* the Hon. J. L. F. Cottrell, as an Elector for said District, and recommend his election as such by the Convention.

That they have selected the Hon. Addison J. Saffold, of Dallas, the Hon. Crawford M. Jackson, of Autauga, and Porter King, Esq. of Perry, as delegates to represent said District in the National Democratic Convention, and recommend their election by the Convention: and,

That they have unanimously adopted the following Resolution, viz:

"Resolved, that the Delegates from the 3d Congressional District, recommend to the Convention as a suitable candidate

or Elector for the State at large, the Hon. Richard B. Walthall, of Perry county.

GEO. W. GAYLE, Chairman.

The delegation composed of the delegates in this Convention, from the 4th Congressional district, to whom was assigned the duty of presenting to the Convention, the names of three persons as delegates to the Baltimore Convention for said Fourth District, and the name of one person as an Elector for said District, have performed that duty, and instruct me to present to the Convention, the names of Sydenham Moore, of Greene, S. D. J. Moore, of Tuscaloosa, and Price Williams of Sumter, as Delegates to the Baltimore Convention, and the name of Jas. M. Beckett of Pickens, as the Elector for said 4th District.

W. G. PARISH, Chairman.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of selecting a suitable individual to serve as Elector upon the Democratic ticket, for President and Vice President of the United States, also three individuals as Delegates to represent the 5th Congressional District, at the Baltimore Convention in May next, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report, the name of the Hon. L. P. Walker, of the county of Lauderdale, for the former, and the following gentlemen for the latter, Hon. W. W. Roby of the county of Morgan, Hon. John E. Moore, of the county of Lauderdale, and the Hon. Frederick Tate, of the county of Limestone. Together, with the accompanying resolution in which the concurrence of the Convention, is respectfully solicited.

Resolved, by the Delegates of the 5th Congressional District, that W. W. Roby, John E. Moore, and Frederick Tate, who have been selected, as Delegates to attend the Democratic Convention at Baltimore, in May next, be requested in the event either of them should fail to go, to substitute in the place of the one failing, George Warren, of the county of Lawrence, and if two fail to go, Oakley Bynum of the county of Lawrence, as their successors.

N. TERRY, Chairman.

The Sub-Committee composed of the delegates, from the 6th Congressional District, have performed the duty assigned them last night, and have elected Messrs. Robert Scott of Jackson county, M. A. King and Wm. Acklin of Madison county, Delegates to the National Convention, and James W. McClung, Elector for said District.

M. T. C. BRINDLEY, Chairman

The committee composed of the delegates from the 7th Congressional District have instructed me to report that they have selected A. J. Walker, Esq. of Benton county, as Elector for said District, and have selected P. H. Brittain, Esq. of Chambers county, Hon. F. W. Bowdon of Talladega, and Hon. Wm. H. Garrett, of Cherokee, as Delegates to the National Democratic Convention to be held at Baltimore on the 4th Monday in May next all of which is respectfully submitted.

JEFFERSON FAULKNER, Chairman.

Judge Bridges, moved to take from the table the name of Col. R. B. Walthall, which together with other names had been laid on the table on his motion; which was agreed to, whereupon Judge Bridges, nominated Col. Walthall for Elector for the State at large.

Mr. Storr withdrew the name of Howell Rose and T. S. Be-tha.

Mr. Davis of Limestone, nominated Col. W. W. Payne, which nomination he subsequently withdrew.

Gen. Walker, of Lauderdale, nominated Col. Jno. Erwin of Greene—which nomination be subsequently withdrawn at the instance of Col. Erwin.

The motion recurring on the election of Col. Walthall, sa Elector for the State at large, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. McCormick from the committee appointed to prepare resolutions, submitted the following report:

REPORT

The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions expressive of the sense of this Convention, on Federal policy, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st *Resolved*, That the democracy of Alabama, find in the results of the ascendancy of the democratic policy in the administration of the government of the U. States, additional grounds for their confidence in the wisdom and truth of democratic principles, and renewed motives for earnest co-operation together, and with there brethren in other States to prevent the powers of the Federal Government from passing into the hands of there political adversaries.

2d. *Resolved*, That the fruits of the great political triumph of 1844, which elevated the present chief magistrate to the Presidency, have fulfilled the hopes of the democracy of the Union; in defeating the declared purposes of there opponents to create a huge National Bank, in preventing the corrupt and unconstitutional distribution of the land proceeds, from the common treasury of the Union, for local purposes. in protecting the currency and the labor of the country from ruinous fluctuations, and guarding the money of the people for the use of the people, by the establishment of the Constitutional Treasury; in the

noble impulse given to the cause of Free Trade, by the repeal of the Monopolest's Tariff of 1842, and the creation of the more equal, honest and productive Tariff of 1846; and through the veto of the President firmly executed, against an enormous pressure of interests, in checking the tendency of Congress to enter upon a lavish system of unconstitutional Internal Improvements; and, that, in our opinion, it would be a fatal error to weaken the bands of political organization by which these great reforms have been achieved,—and risk them in the hands of there known adversaries. with whatever delusive appeals they may solicit our surrender of that vigilance, who is the only safeguard of liberty.

3rd. *Resolved*, That under whatever names, known, or however subdivided on temporary issues at times, there are in this country two great parties only; and that the party of rational progress, of the equal rights of men and the equality of States, is the democratic party of the Union, which when united, is invincible, and has, in its Union, made us a great and prosperous nation, and filled the world with a burning emulation to follow our example.

4th. *Resolved*, That history teaches us, that every attempt to break up this party has, just so far as it has succeeded, been unfavorable to national growth, and entailed upon the people, the task of a violent struggle against malign influences, for the restoration of democratic men, for the purpose of restoring democratic measures and principles.

5th. *Resolved*, Therefore, that the attempt which has been made in this State and elsewhere, principally by whigs and with avowals of whig purposes, flimsily disguised under the mask of no partyism, to create a party, formed of fragments of the two great parties for the personal advancement of Gen. Taylor to the Presidency, is, in our opinion calculated if successful to distract the democratic party for the benefit of its adversaries.

6th. *Resolved*, Further, that, while we admire the illustrious deeds and personal character of General Taylor, and do by no means concur in the sentiment of his assumed friends that his glories have been won in an unrighteous war, and by a violation of the Constitution of his country, we are nevertheless unwilling to make the Presidency a reward of mere military services in the Field, however brilliant,—and thereby endanger the best interests and unsettle the approved policy of the government.

7th. *Resolved*, Accordingly, that we will support for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, the candidates nominated by a democratic National Convention, to be held in Baltimore on the fourth Monday in May next,—as recommended by the democratic members of Congress; and that we do appoint delegates thereto, to represent the democracy of this State. [Subject however to one special instruction not as necessary for them, but as a notice in all frankness, to our brethren elsewhere, that they do not concur in, nor pledge our support, to the nomination of any candidates who shall not be explicit in the renunciation of all claims to Federal interference with slavery in the territories.]

[Mr. YANCEY moved to amend the 7th resolution by striking ou

all after the words, "to represent the Democracy of the State," and insert the following resolutions, to be numbered 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 to which there was no objection made:]

Whereas, opinions have been expressed by eminent members of the Democratic party, and by a Convention of the party in New York assembled, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Baltimore Convention, that the municipal laws of the Mexican territories, would not be changed in the ceded territory, by the cession to the United States, and that slavery could not be re-established except by the authority of the U. S. or of the legislature of the territorial government—that no doubts should be allowed to exist upon a subject so important and at the same time so exciting. Be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the treaty of cession should contain a clause securing an entry into those territories to all the citizens of the United States, together with their property of every description, and that the same should remain protected by the U. S. while the territories are under its authority.

10 *Resolved*, That if it should be found inconvenient to insert such a clause into the treaty of cession, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress should be vigilant to obtain before the ratification of such a treaty, ample securities that the rights of the Southern people should not be endangered during the period the territories shall remain under the control of the U. S. either from the continuance of the municipal laws of Mexico, or from the legislation of the U. S.

11 *Resolved*, That the opinion advanced and maintained by some, that the people of a territory, acquired by the common toil, suffering, blood and treasure, of the people of all the States, can, in other events than in the forming a Constitution preparatory to admittance as a State into the Union, lawfully or constitutionally prevent any citizen of any such States from removing to, or settling in such territory with his property, be it slave property or otherwise, is a restriction as indefensible in principle and as dangerous in practice, as if such restriction were imposed by act of Congress.

12 *Resolved*, That the Democratic party is and should be co-extensive with the Union: and that while we disclaim all intention to interfere in the local division and controversies in any of our sister States, we deem it a solemn duty, which we owe to the constitution, to ourselves, and to that party, to declare our unalterable determination neither to recognize as Democrats or to hold fellowship or communion with those who attempt to denationalize the South and its institutions, by restrictions upon its citizens and those institutions, calculated to array one section, in feeling and sentiment, against the other, and that we hold the same to be alike treason to party faith, and to the perpetuity of the Union of these States.

13 *Resolved*, That this Convention pledges itself to the country, and its members pledge themselves to each other, under no political necessity whatever, to support for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, any persons who shall not openly and

avowedly be opposed to either of the forms of excluding slavery from the territories of the U. S. mentioned in the resolutions, as being alike in violation of the constitution, and of the just and equal rights of the citizens of the slaveholding States.

14 *Resolved*, That these resolutions be considered as "instructions to our delegates to the Baltimore Convention, to guide them in their votes in that body; and that they vote for no men for President or Vice President, who will not unequivocally avow themselves to be opposed to either of the forms of restricting slavery, which are described in these resolutions.

15 *Resolved*, That as democrats we are proud to find, that every statesman in the non slave holding States who has declared opinions favorable to the constitutional equality of Southern citizens in acquired territory, is of our own political brotherhood, and that every public meeting or other body political or legislative, which has taken sides for us, is, without an exception, also democratic—and we commend this fact to the whigs of the South as an important element to be considered by them, when they are choosing friends, allies, or candidates "without distinction of party."

16 *Resolved*, That the war with Mexico has been made by the course of the opponents of the present democratic Administration, to furnish another proof that the honor and interest and character of the country require the perfect union of the democratic party.

17 *Resolved*, That it is true, as declared by the nearly unanimous vote of Congress, that this war exists "by the act of the Republic of Mexico"—and that this declaration of the preamble of the war bill, is not only truly stated there, but would have left the bill imperfect had it been omitted; for the granting of ten millions of money, the whole Army and Navy, and an additional force of fifty thousand men, in the body of that bill, were inconsistent with any other fact, than that war existed, and was to be prosecuted for the purpose of following, subduing and punishing the invader.

18 *Resolved*, That the act of war, on the part of Mexico, consisted in the invasion, after a long series of notorious threats and public preparations, of one of the States of this Union,—with a view to subjugate it by arms, and that the territory recognised by Mexico as "disputed" which it was her declared purpose to occupy was not the narrow slip between the Rio Grande and the Nueces, but that vast and fertile country between the Rio Grande and the Sabine which constitutes the sovereign State of Texas.

19 *Resolved*, That in repelling this invasion, and in taking precautionary measures, to meet it when it was threatened and in the course of preparation the President discharged his constitutional duty faithfully and prudently.

20 *Resolved*, That this war, just in its origin, righteous in its character, and planned with consummate skill, has achieved for the prowess of our arms, a world-wide renown, and with all its losses of precious lives and vast treasure, has won for us the best security from aggression hereafter, and is a guaranty for long years of undisturbed peace.

21. *Resolved*, That the armies which have carried our flag, victorious over so many battle-fields and planted it on the citadel of Mexico and on the coasts of the Pacific—and these heroic leaders, Scott, Taylor, Worth, Twiggs, Wool, Kearney, Butler, Pillow, Quitman, Shields, and their glorious compatriots in arms, have conferred lustre on the American name, and earned for themselves an enduring title to the admiration and gratitude of their country.

22. *Resolved*, That the necessary and legitimate result of this war—thus just in its origin and gloriously prosecuted—is the acquisition of territory—the only possible mode by which indemnity can be obtained for the wrongs committed by Mexico, and her obstinate refusal to do justice or listen to terms of peace.

23. *Resolved*, That the rejection of such indemnity on the grounds assigned by the leading opponents of the administration, that the war is unjust and Mexico the injured party—resisting injustice and spoliation—would sanction what is untrue in fact, and leave an indelible stigma upon our national character: and that the opposition from any quarters, upon the ground that such acquisition is incompatible with the safety of the slaveholding States, involves a confession to what, as southern men, we cannot give our sanction that our social institutions are a source of national weakness, and subjects us to the fatal reproach that the southern States are inherently an obstacle to national growth.

24. *Resolved*, That we deprecate, and are utterly opposed to the entire subjugation of Mexico, with a view to its annexation to, or incorporation with, the United States—that subject to our claim to a just indemnity for the past, we desire to see the integrity and independence of Mexico preserved—and, under wiser and better rulers, and more stable and enlightened institutions, to see her people free, happy and prosperous.

[The following resolutions, reported by the committee, and numbered 17 and 18, were stricken out, inasmuch as the principles they set forth were more elaborately expressed in the resolutions submitted by Mr Yancey.

Resolved, That any territory which has been or may be acquired by the U. States. either by purchase or conquest, of right belongs to the people of all the States, and that they have the constitutional right to migrate to any such territories with their property of every description, and to be protected therein, and no power exists in Congress, or elsewhere, to deny to any of the people of any of the States the right to remove into and occupy with their property of whatever description any portion of such territory.

Resolved, That no cession of territory to the United States by the authorities of Mexico, will be acceptable to the people of this State unless, for the territory ceded south of 36° 30' it is distinctly provided in the treaty of cession that such territory shall be, and shall remain, so long as it remains a territory of the U. States, free and open to all the people of the U. States together with their property of every description.]

Mr Davis of Limestone, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the delegates, to the Baltimore Convention, be instructed to present to the favorable consideration of the National Convention, the name of James K. Polk, as our first choice for President of these United States.

Mr Yancey, moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word resolved, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following :

That this Convention expresses its most decided approbation of the administration of James K. Polk; that he has fully redeemed every pledge given by him as a candidate, and will retire from the Presidency, as a public servant who has faithfully and nobly done his duty.

The motion to strike out was agreed to, and the substitute adopted.

Mr Terry offered the following resolution which was adopted unanimously,

Resolved, That this Convention do unanimously and earnestly recommend to the consideration of the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore, the name of our distinguished fellow citizen, Hon W R King, as eminently qualified, by his abilities, by his experience, and his services to the country, for the office of Vice President of the U. S.

Mr Walker, of Lauderdale, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates from this State to the Baltimore Convention, shall not, in the event of their declining to go, have the power to substitute other persons in their stead.

Mr Garrett, of Talladega, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in case any of the candidates for Electors chosen by this Convention, decline or fail to act, from any reason whatever, then the remaining number of said candidates, or a majority thereof, shall have power to fill vacancies so occasioned, by designating in the democratic papers of the State the name or names of suitable persons to fill the same.

Mr Smith, of Dale, offered the following resolution, which was lost :

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of five to prepare an address to the people of the State of Alabama, on the political questions involved in the approaching presidential contest.

Mr Terry offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the Democracy of each County in the State to call primary meetings of the people to organize for the Presidential contest; and further, that each County appoint an assistant to their district Elector.

The President having vacated the Chair, Mr Scott, of Jackson offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the Hon John Erwin, for the able, impartial and dignified manner with which he has presided over its deliberations.

Mr Scott offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be also tendered to the Vice Presidents and Secretaries and Doorkeeper, of this Convention, for the able discharge of their respective duties.

Mr Heydenfeldt offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Convention be printed and published in pamphlet form for the use of the members of the Convention; and the State Printer be requested to issue two thousand copies, and that he be paid by subscriptions of the members of this Convention, made at this time or hereafter.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN ERWIN, President.

W. GARRETT,	}	Secretaries.
A. B. CLITHERALL		
W. W. ROBY		